

**MINUTES OF THE PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

November 30, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Hybrid/In-Person-Virtual

Presiding: Comm. Kenneth Simmons, President

Present:

Ms. Eileen F. Shafer, Superintendent of Schools
Khalifah Shabazz-Charles, Esq., General Counsel
Bryant Horsley, Esq., Souder, Shabazz & Woolridge, LLP
Boris Zaydel, Esq., Board Counsel

Comm. Vincent Arrington
Comm. Emanuel Capers
Comm. Oshin Castillo-Cruz
Comm. Jonathan Hodges

Comm. Dania Martinez
Comm. Manuel Martinez
Comm. Nakima Redmon, Vice President
*Comm. Corey Teague

Comm. Simmons read the Open Public Meetings Act:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend the meetings of the Paterson Public School District, as well as other public bodies at which any business affecting the interest of the public is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the Paterson Public School District has caused adequate and electronic notice of this meeting:

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90 Delaware Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey**

to be published by having the date, time and place posted in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Paterson, at the entrance of the Paterson Public School offices, on the district's website, and by sending notice of the meeting to the Arab Voice, El Diario, the Italian Voice, the North Jersey Herald & News, and The Record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was moved by Comm. Capers, seconded by Comm. D. Martinez that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be opened. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Ms. Rosie Grant: Good evening, Commissioners, Madam Superintendent, Madam Deputy, staff, and community. I have a very short message for you today and that is to ask yourself the question, how does it serve the kids? How does it serve the children of Paterson? Ask yourself over and over again as you enter your deliberations. Thank you.

Ms. Greta Mills: Hello, Greta Mills. I need the school aid. We really need a nurse. I had several issues in my class. We need a nurse in that building. We need a substitute nurse, something in the building for the safety of the children and staff if something happens, somebody fall down the stairs, whatever. We had to call the ambulance for a student. We need a nurse in the building. I sent pictures for you to see the bathroom and I know there are some rooms in the building that do not have heat. Those are things that were supposed to be addressed a long time ago so I hope that somebody will come to address these issues that we're having in the building. I'm hoping that they're working on a contract that would be suitable for all of us. As a teacher of 22 years, it's about time I should be able to go on a vacation and enjoy myself and not stress over money. I need you to be more considerate of the fact that it's difficult trying to survive out here and that we all deserve a raise and a good contract that would be helpful, especially since we spend a lot of our time with the students, helping them financially, and coming up with money. Please work on that contract and please get School No. 8 a nurse, for the love of Jesus. Please get the school a nurse, whether it's a substitute nurse or something. And have somebody come to fix the things that need to be fixed at School No. 8. Thank you.

It was moved by Comm. Capers, seconded by Comm. Redmon that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be closed.

Comm. Capers: The last speaker, they were talking about School No. 8?

Comm. Simmons: Yes. I was going to ask the Superintendent a question after we close Public Portion.

On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Comm. Simmons: Madam Superintendent, before we move to go into executive session, Ms. Mills has been at the meetings and talking about the nurse. I'm not sure if there's anything that's been done to address that issue?

Ms. Shafer: Yes. The nurse at School No. 8 will be starting the 2nd week of December, a week from Monday. The issue around the heat, this is the first it has come to my attention. If Ms. Mills could send me the room numbers that have heating problems, I'll get the facilities staff there.

Comm. Simmons: Great, thank you.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

It was moved by Comm. Capers, seconded by Comm. D. Martinez that the Board goes into executive session to discuss personnel.

Comm. Hodges: Mr. President, are you intending to enter executive session?

Comm. Simmons: No, sir.

Comm. Hodges: I wish you and Mr. Arrington would because I do want to make a comment.

Comm. Simmons: We'll come in and then leave before the discussion starts.

Comm. Hodges: Thank you.

Comm. Arrington: Mr. President, do we recuse ourselves from this vote or do we vote yes?

Comm. Simmons: You can vote yes.

On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 5:43 p.m.

*Comm. Teague enters the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

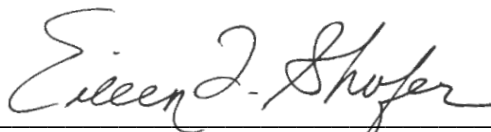
It was moved by Comm. M. Martinez, seconded by Comm. D. Martinez that the Board reconvenes the meeting. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Comm. M. Martinez, seconded by Comm. Capers that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eileen F. Shafer", written in black ink.

Ms. Eileen F. Shafer, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools/
Board Secretary